

green velvet carpet. The shade tree chapter by Pascal P. Pirone and the flower and plant chapter by Henry M. Biekart are two that are not only especially good for the home dweller but contain some useful information quite a few greenkeepers and pro-greenkeepers will welcome. The chapter on "Your Home Setting" by Charles H. Connors contains excellent simple landscaping design pointers most course superintendents could apply to advantage at their clubs.

Midwest Turf Foundation

At the annual meeting of the Midwest Turf Research Foundation held March 18 at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., secretary G. O. Mott reported a steady growth in membership with the organization now embracing more than 100 golf clubs in the midwest states. 1945 officers, headed by A. L. Brandon, St. Charles, Ill., were re-elected as were directors with the addition of Neil Ransick, Secy. Cincinnati Golfers' League. The program of turf experiments will be extended during 1947 under the guidance of the research program committee composed of agronomists from the various state agricultural experimental stations.

American Courses

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mouths water. It would give British golf a good "kick in the pants" and wake up those who now promote our tournaments if an American business man were to go to England and stage a first class tournament with prizes of the same magnitude that are given to American contestants over here. It should, incidentally, turn into an excellent gamble for the promoter himself. I know the entry would be enormous and the interest the general public would take equally big.

During the war, we had to make our clubs pay as best we could. Due to the fact that many of our members were abroad in war service, the financial income was, with few exceptions, very much smaller than in previous years. Means were tried to meet the money shortage and I do not know whether it has been this country's experience also, but the takings at the bar in nearly every case were practically quadrupled during the war years. It was this experience that made the golf club proprietors realize that there was a great deal of money to be made out of the social side of golf—much more in fact than from the ordinary revenue from the golf course itself. Because of this our clubs are



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